

REMARKS

Claims 1–6 and 11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 6 is amended and claim 7 is cancelled. Support for the amendments to claim 6 may be found, for example, in original claim 7. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Objection to Title

The Office Action objects to the title of the invention as not descriptive, and requests a new title that is "clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed." By this amendment, the title is amended as indicated above.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1 and 4 are allowable if a terminal disclaimer is timely filed, and for indicating that claims 2, 3, and 5 contain allowable subject matter, but are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Applicants are simultaneously filing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer obviating the rejection of claims 1 and 4. Accordingly, allowance of claims 1–5 is respectfully requested.

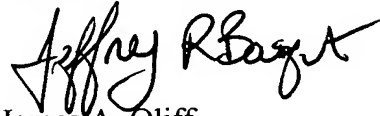
Applicants also thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 7 and 11 contain allowable subject matter. By this amendment, the subject matter of claim 7 is incorporated into claim 6, and claim 7 is canceled. Accordingly, allowance of claims 6 and 11 are respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1–6 and 11 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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